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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CPRS, PFOR, ETRD, TH, IN, HK

SUBJECT: GOBIND RAM DANG - SUSPECTED SABOTAGE OF IN FLIGHT

PASSENGER AIRCRAFT

REF: A. BANGKOK 1920

B. BANGKOK 2097

1. SUBJECT BOARDED PAA 002 IN HONG KONG EVENING FEBRUARY 2.

2. AS DESCRIBED REFTELS, AIRCRAFT DEPARTED BANGKOK AT 0200
FEBRUARY 3, AND TURNED BACK 10 MINUTES BEYOND BURMESE AIR-
SPACE EN ROUTE NEW DELHI FOLLOWING SUDDEN BURST OF FLAME AT
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REAR OF AIRCRAFT AT ABOUT 0300. AIRCRAFT LANDED BANGKOK

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3. SUBJECT, AT FIRST CLAIMED THAT HE WAS DRUNK AND THAT HE ENTERED TOILET WHILE SMOKING AND THE TOILET BURST INTO FLAME WHEN HE OPENED THE DOOR. SUBJECT WAS SLIGHTLY BURNED IN FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES TO OTHER PASSENGERS. SUBJECT SUBSEQUENTLY CONFESSED (ON FEB. 5) IN SIGNED DETAILED STATEMENT WITNESSED BY TWO SENIOR THAI POLICE OFFICERS AND SWORN TO BEFORE U.S. CONSUL (SEE TEXT REFTEL B).

4. FYI: JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CONTEMPLATING SEEKING EXTRADITION OF SUBJECT, BUT IS HESITANT BECAUSE OF SUBJECT'S NATIONALITY AND POSSIBLE DISMISSAL IN TRIAL DUE TO EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES OR DEFENSE SUCH AS INSANITY. END FYI. IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO HAVE SUBJECT TRIED IN INDIA, HONG KONG OR THAILAND. EACH COUNTRY HAS AN INTEREST IN PROSECUTION AS SUBJECT INDIAN NATIONAL WHO WAS ON HIS WAY FROM HONG KONG (WHERE HE ALLEGEDLY SMUGGLED PARAPHERNALIA ONBOARD AIRCRAFT) TO DELHI AND IT APPARENTLY HAPPENED OVER BURMESE AIRSPACE.

5. UNLESS EMBASSIES FORESEE OBJECTIONS, PLEASE PRESENT FACTS TO APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND REQUEST INDICATION OF WHETHER PROSECUTION WOULD BE CONSIDERED.

6. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA AT PARA L REFTEL (A). KISSINGER

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